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MEMBRANE-ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated April 29, 2011, applicants petition for a three-month extension and request that the Office Action be reconsidered in view of the amendments and remarks below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.